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### TELLS OF SMITH LETTER

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WARRENTON, VA., July 26.—Judge William H. Mann, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and J. Thompson Brown, opposing, W. K. Kerner for Commissioner of Agriculture, spoke here today to a fair-sized crowd.

In his address, Judge Mann called attention forcibly to the nature of the attacks that are being made upon him, and the methods that are being employed by his opponent. He said that he had on several occasions enumerated eighteen or more instances in which Mr. Tucker had stated things in reference to his own record or Judge Mann's which were not true, or which were so misleading as to amount to the same thing.

Among the more recent instances he called attention to the reason given by Mr. Tucker for not having voted at Staunton and the use made by him of the Smith letter in his speech on Saturday last at Courtland. In reference to these two matters, he said:

**The Staunton Election.**  
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Then Read What This Wisconsin Woman Says About Her Own Case.

In no disease is delay or neglect more dangerous than in anemia, or poverty of the blood. This disorder is common in persons who are overworked or confined within doors and makes its approach in so stealthy a manner that it is often well developed before its presence is recognized.

But taken in time the disease is readily curable, the specific being a tonic medicine which increases the number of red blood corpuscles, thus enabling the blood to carry the life-giving oxygen to all the tissues of the body. Such a tonic is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills have had unbounded success in curing this stubborn disease because of this wonderful property.

The following cure of anemia by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills deserves a careful reading by every person, whose blood is impure. Mrs. Ida Keller, of R. F. D. No. 6, Tomah, Wis., says: "About ten years ago my health began to fail. I was all run down, could not do any work, had no appetite and was not able to sleep. I had night sweats, which were very weakening and my feet and limbs were swollen. My stomach was in such a bad condition that I could not even retain the doctor's medicine. My head ached all of the time and I was subject to dizzy spells. I became reduced in weight from 148 to 106 pounds and was confined to bed for days at a time."

"I was under the care of two doctors but they gave me relief only for a time being. One of the doctors told my husband that it would be only a short time before I would be in the first stages of consumption. My mother finally advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and, while I didn't have any faith in them, did so to please her. Before I had taken the pills long I felt much better. I took several boxes and was able to get my work again. I gained rapidly in flesh, could eat without distress and soon felt like myself again. I always speak well of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for I know that they saved my life."

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and was written during my absence from the city. Some time since I heard that it was stated in Scott county that I had made some promises to Mr. Smith. Knowing that I had made none, my files were once examined, and this letter, which was written in the hurry of handling a tremendous correspondence, was called to my attention for the first time. The following letter was immediately sent to John H. Smith by registered mail, and I have his receipt.

"Mr. John H. Smith, Gate City, Va.: 'Dear Mr. Smith.—In looking over my files I find a letter that was written to you by my nephew on April 26 last, during my absence, and sent out over my signature. 'I have high regard for Mr. W. D. Smith, and that letter may be construed to be a promise to support Mr. Smith for Superintendent of Schools of Scott county four years hence. My nephew was in a hurry when he wrote Mr. Smith's candidacy for re-election at that time by the present Board of Education, and intended only to assure you of my kindly personal feelings for Mr. Smith, and not to make any promises or pledges of any kind to any one, and to this rule I have made, and will make, no exception."

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### MEETING PLACE THE CAUSE

When Doors Fail to Open Promptly, Impatient Ones Act Independently.

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PETERSBURG, VA., July 24.—The Petersburg party split in twain tonight, and the State convention which meets at Newport News on Wednesday, July 28, was split in twain to-night, and two sets of delegates were chosen. The split was caused by the failure to open the advertised place of meeting at the time it was called, and a protest was entered by a large number to the call of W. D. Northington, city chairman, on the grounds that he had not been elected to that position.

The hall selected for the meeting was on Bollingbroke Street, and a large and enthusiastic crowd had gathered. The crowd growing impatient, a move was started to hold the meeting in the "raft and Sherman Club room, and forthwith a majority of the most influential members of the Republicans of this city went, and two conventions were held. Both conventions claim to be the regular one, and each elected delegates.

The Northington meeting endorsed the appointment of Northington as city chairman, elected him to that position, and elected as delegates General Stith Bolling, E. K. Clements, S. Wilson, and R. H. Gamble. The other convention, held at the raft and Sherman Club rooms, was attended by a number of representative citizens, who have affiliated with this party in national elections for a number of years. Also the oldest members of the party in the city, and they elected as delegates General Stith Bolling, Asa Rogers, William Mahone and H. P. Stratton. They also elected Brooks Rogers city chairman, and Sherman Bond secretary. Both conventions passed resolutions endorsing the administration of President Taft, the work of Hon. Bascom Slemp as State chairman, and Alvah H. Martin as national committeeman.

## PARTY'S PROGRAM IS CUT AND DRIED

Leaders Refuse Information, but It Is Known That Gillespie's the Man.

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It is generally whispered here to-night, however, that Gillespie will be handed the nomination practically by a unanimous vote, and that under such conditions he cannot refuse to lead the party in the general election. Those in attendance on the conference were Alvah H. Martin, S. Brown Allen, R. A. Fulwiler, John Acker, W. E. Gavock, Thomas L. Moore, J. S. Browning, J. B. Kimmerley, Harry C. C. Smithers, George N. Wise, Edwin Brown, C. A. McKinney, W. T. Hopkins, George L. Hart, D. L. Groener, C. R. Moore, M. K. Lowry, J. B. Garyson, Floyd Hughes, W. A. Jamison, L. M. Nichols and J. R. Oast.

### VICTORY OF ANTI-SALOONISTS IS FOLLOWED BY DROUGHT

STAUNTON, VA., July 26.—A drought which has prevailed throughout the Valley for several weeks has reached an acute stage in this section. The corn crops at the turning point and unless there is a rain very shortly it will be ruined. Pastures and gardens have already suffered greatly.

**Killing Over Crap Game.**  
DANVILLE, VA., July 26.—Boaz Montgomery, a young negro less than thirty years of age, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon by Charles Fleming, a negro about forty years of age. The killing occurred at the home of Fleming, near Ballou Park, and followed a dispute over a crap game. Fleming escaped, and has not yet been apprehended.

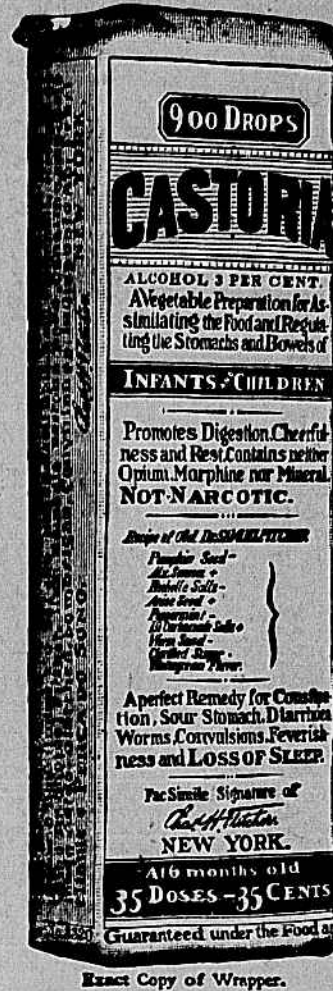
**Stores Are Robbed.**  
SALISBURY, N. C., July 26.—The stores of Salisbury, in this city, was robbed by unknown parties late last night, more than \$100 being taken from the premises. An entrance was effected by breaking open a window. Another establishment in the same vicinity was also robbed, and Will Jones (colored) was placed in jail, charged with the crime.

**Wesley Pond, a young man living on Commerce Street, reported at the police station last night that he had been held up and robbed by three negroes just beyond the Iron Bridge on the Norfolk and Western Railway, near the city limits. He was a passenger on "The Trilby" train, which reached the city about 9 o'clock from Norfolk. Just beyond the bridge, he says, he dropped a package of papers, and when the train stopped at the station here he went directly back to recover them. On his way down he passed and spoke to three negro men. He found his papers and while returning realized the robbery. One of them asked him for a match, and while he was responding to the request the other two grabbed and held him by the arms, while the first "went through his pockets. 'They used no undue violence, but took his papers, his watch and his pocketbook, containing a small amount of money. The two negroes who had held him then ran away, and as the third one who had robbed him was moving off, Mr. Bond says he threw a heavy piece of clinker at him, striking him on the head and felling him to the ground. He then jumped on the fellow, recovered his papers, watch and money, and saving him on the ground, hurried back to the city and reported the case. Chief Farley and Detective Heeler drove down to the spot named by Bond last night and again this morning, but they could discover no signs of the alleged highwaymen.**

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## Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. B. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice, and find it very satisfactory." Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "Your Castoria stands first in its class. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so allied the place."

Dr. J. H. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent."

Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: "I prescribe your Castoria extensively, as I have never found anything to equal it for children's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's."

Dr. Wm. J. McCrann, of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine, and aside from my own family experience I have in my years of practice found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home."

Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy."

Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

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## NEW CORPORATION FOR PETERSBURG

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### MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED

Stockholders Will Take Action on Board's Resolution to Dissolve.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
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A general meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Electric Tool and Manufacturing Company, a corporation of this city, has been called to take action on a resolution adopted by the board of directors at a meeting called and held for the purpose, declaring that in the judgment of the board it is deemed advisable and for the benefit of the said corporation that it should be dissolved. It is understood that a new corporation with a large capital, to be known as the American Electric Tool Company, is being organized, and that the enterprise started by the Virginia Company, and that the stockholders of the latter corporation will receive a liberal share of stock in the new company in exchange for their interests.

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Frank Kidd. Deceased was about twenty-three years old.

The long-drawn-out troubles in the Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church, of which Rev. Eli Tartt is pastor, have practically resulted in the separation of the two factions. The Tartt faction holds the church, and the opposing faction holds worship and Sunday school in the room of the colored Y. M. C. A. on Oak Street. Both criminal and civil proceedings are still pending in the Hustings Court against Tartt.

The Academy of Music, the principal theatre in the city, is now owned by W. J. Rahlley and C. L. Seyler, who bought it from W. B. Pizzini and E. D. Starke, trustees, for \$10,000.

### News in Brief.

Coroner H. C. Leitch has not as yet been furnished any definite report by Dr. W. H. Taylor, of Richmond, as to the result of his examination of the organs of Mrs. Junius A. Williamson, and the police have heard nothing as to the whereabouts of Williamson.

Robert Newsum, who was recently so badly injured by a fall from an electric pole, is getting along fairly well at the hospital. The lower portion of his body, however, is still paralyzed as the result of injury to his spine.

Dr. L. S. Early left to-day for New York, whence he will sail on Wednesday for England. He will visit nearly all of the European capitals, and will not return home until November.

C. C. Cashon and son and Fred Cole and daughter are spending the week at Ocean View.

Dr. Joseph M. Burke, Mrs. Burke and Miss Edith Burke have returned from Atlantic City.

Justices Dunstan and Police Officer Blankenship, or Blotnik, yesterday raided a party of crap-shooters, all white, engaged in playing the game on the Chesterfield side of the river. Three of the parties were caught, but others escaped in a great hurry as to leave their coats behind.

### MAY SPEAK ONCE MORE

Talk of Holding Meeting Under Auspices of East End Improvement League. Candidates for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates from Richmond have had but one opportunity to address the fellow-citizens in a public meeting during the campaign. Indications now are that they will have but one other, though definite arrangements for this have not yet been made. It was said yesterday that the East End Improvement League might have a meeting at Corcoran Hall some time during the week to which the candidates would be invited, but no one was in a position to say definitely whether or not such a meeting would be held.

Of quiet work, but it is not thought that they are disposed to encourage political